



Pettistree People

A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham

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When Princess Elizabeth became our Queen on the death of her father, King George VI, 6th Feb 1952, did she ever even think she could still be our monarch 70 years later, in the 21st Century? Now aged 96 her longevity must reside in her maternal genes for her mother lived for 102 years and Queen Elizabeth II is now our longest serving and oldest ever monarch.

God save the Queen

Our celebrations of Her Platinum Jubilee took place from 2nd to 5th June, arranged by the co-ordinating committee chaired by Jeff Hallett, in line with the National activities,

In fact our first event, on 2nd Feb, was the planting of our memorial Jubilee oak tree, the event being affectionately known as “trebillee”, which took

place on the glebe land on the north side of St Peter and St Paul Church. It was accomplished by enthusiastic volunteers complete with spades and watering cans to provide a good start and, to get it well established, members of the bell ringers have volunteered to water it during their practice meetings.





On Thursday the 2nd June, Trooping the Colour and a flypast took place in London but it did not pass over us this year, However Brad Bye mounted model aircraft in his garden to compensate!



In Loudham the finishing touches were made to a colossal bonfire built by Tom Over, the son-in-law of the landowners Philip and Caroline Westrope at Park Farm. It comprised a ring of about twenty large potato crates into which was piled anything that burned, including dead trees. Later Jim Jarvie and Chris Cook made ready barbecues for first arrivals at half past seven. In fact about 80 people arrived and soon Jim and Chris were in full swing

satisfying their appetites.

Alongside, Maggie Hallett was also doing a good trade in tickets for the raffle on Sunday.

Tom lit the bonfire at 8.45 and it roared into life. Jim changed his chef's uniform and donned his Highland dress and "serenaded" us with tunes on his bagpipes. Little smoke came off the fire and the breeze was from the NE, so it was not a problem for traffic the on the adjacent A12. But it was reported to the Fire Brigade who duly arrived and following inspection they left us to witness its slow decline. It was however, still burning the following morning!





Next morning, Friday, there was a Service of Thanksgiving at St Pauls, London, and at 3pm in Pettistree, at St Peter and St Pauls, the bells rang out. "The band rang a fine quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, 1270 changes. This

was just one of 131 performances across Suffolk and over 2800 worldwide for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. To mark the occasion The Ringing World produced a certificate".

Mary Garner, Tower Captain



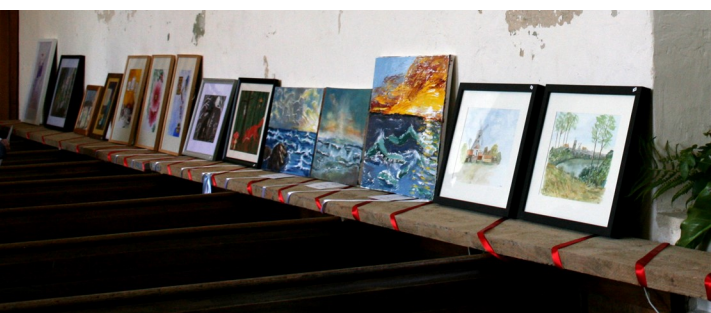
Left to right: Pippa Moss, Elaine Townsend, Mary Garner, Mark Ogden, Peter Harper, Mike Whitby



On Saturday from 10.00 to 16.00 hours a display of flowers, arts and crafts was held in the church and it was continued on Sunday, the next day.

"Thank you to everyone who exhibited, helped and visited the church during the Jubilee weekend. Without all of you it would not have been the great success that it was.

The exhibition was open to residents of Pettistree and the congregation of St Peter & St Paul.



The craft exhibition was displayed in the chancel where there was a wide variety of work – patchwork, lacemaking, silver jewellery, wood turning, knitting, weaving and embroidery. Items exhibited included a fine Carickmacross needle lace Celtic cross with a Torchon bobbin lace table cloth, wood turning - bell pulls to bowls, needlework pictures in cross stitch, crewel work as well as stump work. Knitted Teddies for Tragedy, comfort Teddies for children going through hard times, as well as very small hats for premature babies. A knitted scarf using the Brioche technique in mohair and silk as well as a woven tunic.

Also several patchwork quilts using many techniques; one was included in the raffle, which could cunningly be changed into a cushion, details of how were included with the quilt. The raffle was to raise funds to help with the expenses of the weekend. Very well supported.

There was also a sales table which had wood turned pieces plus original pieces of silver and enamelled jewellery and crocheted jug covers.



The main body of the church held the Art Exhibition and was again open to residents and church members, with 11 artists showing their work ...31 pictures in all. There was a good mixture: pastel, watercolour, collages, a Lino cut, several acrylics, pen and ink, one by bamboo pen, and three oil paintings.

The children at Presmere Day Nursery displayed their special “postage stamps”.

Not very flattering images of the Queen and doubt



the Post Office would accept them! But they demonstrated some young talent.

For the Flower Festival we enlisted the help of several members of Wickham Market Flower Club who augmented our regular church flower arrangers. Rather than going for the conventional red, white and blue for the Jubilee we decided that as it was also the backdrop for the art and craft exhibition, which would be colourful, green and white would enhance all items on display. It worked , especially as during the following week there was a funeral for a member of the congregation. It never ceases to amaze us the amount of hidden talent there is and this was a good opportunity for everyone to see and enjoy it.

Thank you again to everyone”..

Margaret Blackall and Geraldine Thompson



At 1100 on Sunday the 5th June a Songs of Praise was held in the churchyard.

“It was thought, when the first discussions were taking place on how to mark the Platinum Jubilee, that as there had been services of Songs of Praise to mark previous National events, it would be a good idea to repeat this. Mary Garner offered to take on the task of sourcing well known popular hymns and plans went ahead. Surprisingly very few suggestions were forthcoming from Pettistree folk, so when Rev Leslie Siu offered to do some research into hymns and readings with a Royal connection we agreed it was an excellent idea.

After some discussion Mary and I agreed to share the organising, she did all the music and prepared the service sheets, and I took advantage of the internet to find suitable Coronation anecdotes and prayers. I actually found the research fascinating, although time-consuming, and discovered that the Coronation Service took over three and a quarter hours, which is staggering.

The weather on Sunday June 5th was not very good, the forecast was for heavy showers, but as it was fine when the 9.30 am Communion service finished, it was decided to continue as planned with Songs of Praise in the churchyard. Jeff Hallett set



up a loudspeaker, Mary organised her keyboard and the congregation collected chairs or perched on suitable tombstones. Since there was a service at the same time in Wickham Market church the vicar was unable to lead us in Pettistree so Kevin Blyth welcomed everyone, I took on the role of linking the various hymns together and Martin Corral did a Bible reading from Matthew 22: verses 15 – 22. During the short service nine well known hymns were sung and we finished by singing all three verses of the National Anthem.

The final prayer was one recommended to be used in all Christian churches over the Jubilee weekend.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us.

Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

It was a very special occasion and much appreciated by all who came. After the service people who hadn't been into the church on the previous day took the opportunity to view the flower decorations, the art work and the crafts on display".

Maggie Hallett

Also on Sunday 5 June a Heritage Display of the Platinum years in our village was completed in the village hall and it was available then for viewing prior to the Bring and Share lunch.

"Pettistree is extremely fortunate to have a wide range of historical documents recorded in our archive, from wills to property deeds, from householders to church registers and manorial books. However, it also has social history to add to the mix retained by past and present generations of residents.

The majority of these are now safely housed in The Hold, the new home of Suffolk County Archives located near the Waterfront in Ipswich. The most recent substantial deposit in 2014 was that of the Joan Peck Collection, which is regarded by The Hold as an exemplary collection of local history records.

As we always aim to do for each celebratory event, the Pettistree Heritage team, aka Joan Peck, Mary Garner and myself, researched appropriate archive material to match the occasion as well as adding something new to the records. Mary and I visited The Hold to view the records we thought we'd

need and booked them for collection.

We were very pleased to realise that many of them were in the form of albums or booklets, making them so much easier for viewing, whilst others were already mounted on our trademark pink paper, having been used on previous occasions.



The records on show at the Village Hall during the Bring and Share Lunch included past Jubilees and royal events, village parties, fundraising barbecues for the upgrading of the former 'WI Hut' when it became our Village Hall in 1993/94, treasure hunts and photographic censuses. New for this exhibition was a display of dwellings built, or rebuilt, in the last 70 years – just 17 of them – with contributions from current occupiers and added snippets of historical note. Personal



memories of living in Pettistree in the early part of the Queen's reign reminded us just how much has changed.

Also new this year was a Platinum Jubilee photographic record of houses and people compiled by Liisa Beagley, which will become an important part of our archive. Liisa had requested photographs from householders and included those who responded.

Huge thanks are due to Mary and Joan who brought the exhibition to fruition during the Jubilee week while I was on holiday, whilst Ray Whitehand ably manned the display sharing his own

personal memories of living in Pettistree as a boy and his expertise as a keen local history researcher and author. Ray is in fact currently cataloguing the Joan Peck Collection as a volunteer at The Hold, so our records were in good hands.

As with previous significant events we shall now collect and record people's memories and photographs of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in our parish so that they too can become part of our archive. We would welcome photographs and memories of the celebrations so please do get in touch via email at news@pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk"

Cath Caudwell, Pettistree Heritage



"Lunch for, hmm quite a lot! As a newbie to the 'bring and share' luncheon, I was not at all sure what to expect: sausage rolls or sausage cassoulet. But, as I had volunteered to be the food placer, at 10.40 on Jubilee Sunday I was at the village hall anticipating a bit of a wait for the food to turn up.

But non! The tables were already taken with home-baked cakes and tarts and a few savoury dishes. Applying few logistic skills, I reasoned that the

short table would be ok for the sweets and the long table for the savouries, eventually. And then Mary Chilvers arrived to help and add one of her famed quiches. After that the doors opened and the food flooded in.

No space left for more cakes after the trifles and angel cupcakes had been added. The large table meanwhile had filled with a plethora of cracking pies, fresh salmon, chicken legs, colourful salad,



asparagus, hot potatoes, fish pate, sandwiches and various cheeses.

A stunning display of generosity and effort. Cath Caudwell appeared from nowhere to sort me out. Another table was found. A posse of chaps set off to the Parish Room to borrow more tables only to find they had disappeared; probably to Wickham Market, we thought. So, a decision was made to move the sweet things to the kitchen and then produce them as a bonus when the savouries were gone.

That didn't take long. Dozens joined the queue to fill their plates. Much networking was achieved. I was asked to give out commemorative horse brasses

to the children of the village, who were otherwise busy enjoying themselves playing games outside. the raffle filled us all with anticipation and slight disappointment when the prizes went elsewhere.

Note to self: there are some very enthusiastic bakers and cooks in Pettistree, don't ever think of competing.

A treat of a social event even without the marmalade sandwiches.

Finally Jeff Hallett asked us all to stand and we sang, surprising in unison, the first verse of our National Anthem".

Sue Jones

"At one of the meetings, held to try to ensure that the Pettistree Jubilee celebrations went smoothly, it was suggested that we should hold a raffle during the event in order to make sure that all the costs were covered.... foolishly I offered to organise one.

A few e-mails and 'phone calls later I was amazed to realize that this was going to be a very special raffle.

Raffles I organised pre-covid tended to have a hamper, some chocolates, various toiletries, a bottle or two and the obligatory scented candles. This time all those were there but also a flying lesson, a stay in a holiday cottage, a patchwork quilt, Jubilee biscuit tins and many more.

We are very grateful to all those who donated prizes including Air Manage Suffolk, the Westropes, Alexander Nicoll, David Harris, Sue Jones, Mike Watts, the Signys, Davies, Jarvies, Beagleys,



Haywards and many other members of the community.

Tickets were sold at all the different venues of the event starting with the barbecue & beacon lighting where I sold a large number of tickets until sunset meant I was struggling to see. The tickets were also available at the Art & Craft exhibition and during the Bring and Share lunch which meant that over £300 was raised which should easily cover the expenses of the event. After a great deal of help from members of my family and others, the hundreds of tickets were folded and placed in large



box to be drawn. The draw was held at the end of the lunch and luckily most of the prizes were won by those who were there or had a friend who could collect, so I was only left with around 10 prizes to sort out and deliver. Later that evening I made some telephone calls and was very pleased to find that the Introductory Flying Lesson had been won

by Pete who was delighted to learn of his luck and stated that it was the one thing on the prize list he had really wanted! I hope he will write an short article later for Pettistree People to tell us of his experience. By the time that this article is being read every winner will have received their prize as I have had to wait for some to return from their holidays.”

Maggie Hallett

Although overcast it was fortunate that the weather stayed dry and the young children were able to play outside.

Football and Giant Jenga kept the boys and girls busy.

“They certainly enjoyed the afternoon. After the scrumptious lunch they settled on games and fun activities. Splat the Rat, Table

Others were keen to paint faces, and make and decorate sparkling crowns. With Celebration chocolates all round, they went home smiling”.

Judy Steventon



“Several weeks of discussion by e-mail with Alison Garbett, a very well known producer of quality horse brasses, led to the production of a special edition Pettistree Horse Brass to commemorate Queen Elizabeth’s Platinum Jubilee. To ensure that the brasses would arrive in time for the Jubilee weekend I ordered 100, and thankfully they were delivered in good time.

Our County Councillor Alexander Nicoll offered to sponsor brasses to be given to all Pettistree & Loudham children of school age and under. The majority of the brasses were presented by Sue Jones to children who were at the ‘Bring & Share’ lunch. Please let maggie.hallett@btinternet.com know if you have a child who qualifies and has not yet received their gift”.

Maggie Hallett





“I am sure that by now everyone in Pettistree knows that we had a specially-designed horse brass cast by Alison Garbett of KB Horse Brasses at “The Heavy Horse Enthusiast”, similar to the one we had cast for the Millennium, showing the village sign.

It had been fairly hectic getting the brass designed, cast, and then delivered by post in time for the Jubilee celebrations. The brasses are not flimsy! The postman had been surprised by the weight of the small box with 100 brasses.

Maggie Hallett and her helpers were then very busy ensuring that they had tracked down all the 20 children in the village of school age or less, when Mike Watts pointed out that we should surely also send a brass to Her Majesty The Queen with our very best wishes. After all, he suggested, she still has plenty of horses who could use it!

This was agreed immediately by the Parish Council and it has now been done. One of the brasses, as given to all the children in the village, was posted to the Palace with an accompanying formal letter and a photograph of the Platinum Jubilee bonfire.

The pair of horses shown on the village sign are undoubtedly Suffolk Punch Horses as shown by

their chesnut brown colour on the actual sign on our village green. Chesnut without a middle “t” is the traditional Suffolk way, and the official spelling by the Suffolk Horse Society which recognises seven shades of chesnut.

Probably, the Queen will have been aware of this because she was given a young Suffolk Punch mare by members of the Suffolk Horse Society, of which I was once the President for a year. Prince Charles used to have a pair of Suffolk Punches to help farm his land at Highgrove in an eco-friendly manner. Anne, Her Highness the Princess Royal, is still the Patron of the Suffolk Horse Society, so there are several royal connections.

The last Suffolk Punches in Pettistree were owned by “Joe” Arbon, up until he died, and also by myself, for several years.

I expect that it will be a while before we receive any reply from one of the Queen’s private secretaries. They are probably very busy with many messages of good wishes for the Queen. I omitted to say we did not expect The Queen to wear the brass but I hope that this will have been understood.”

Jeff Hallett



The remaining Jubilee Brasses are now for Sale from Maggie Hallett

The brasses cost £7.00 and a leather display hanger can be bought separately at £7.50 (£14.50 together).

And finally the thoughts of Olivia Smith and a floral tribute from Dick Smith

Pettistree Jubilee in the shell of a nut..

Flags went up and bunting too
A list came round for what to do

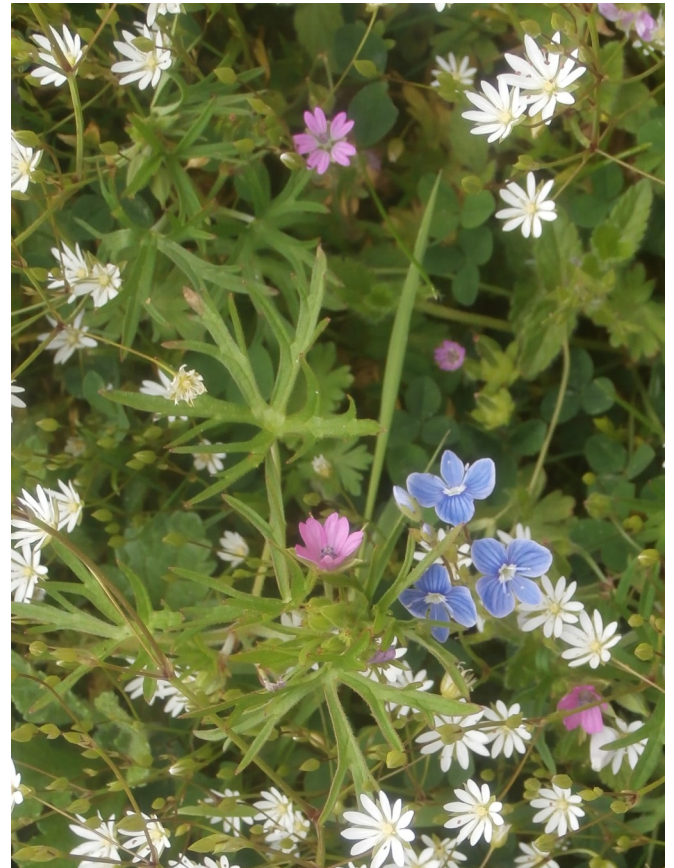
Burger, sausage, bring own drink
Good way to start, we did all think
Friends and neighbours, old and new
Lots of chat, a dog or two
Blazing fire, piled high
Swirling smoke into the sky
A kilt, a Jim, the bagpipes play
Fine performance, all would say

Arts and crafts, fine Church and flower
Sound of Peal wafts out from tower
Praise with song and gather round
Stories, laughter could be found

Scoff and nibble, swig some tea
Photo display - oh look, there's me!
New Horse Brass, little hands to hold
Raffle tickets to unfold

Pleasant time was had by all,
Finale in the village hall.

Olivia M J Smith



“The Jubilee mirrored in the wild flowers left to grow in the churchyard...Red— colour of cranesbill, White—the lesser stitchwort and Blue—germander speedwell.”

I thank all contributors whose reports I have woven into my narrative.

It was a truly splendid four days celebrating a Platinum Jubilee which even young readers, I expect, will never experience again.

The Jubilee section of this issue was set in Perpetua which was the official type face of the Platinum Jubilee.

Mike Watts



Parish Council Chair's report

May, a bloomin' month in the garden when I became Chair, Madame Chair or just 'Dear Leader' of our Parish Council. That's what happens when you dip your finger, elbow and toe into village affairs. Jeff Hallett gave up the chairmanship after 18 years and left a large footprint, in every sense, so no pressure! He and wife, Maggie, deserve three cheers for the time and effort they have applied to Pettistree's TLC and social events over many years. Although they now live in Wickham Market Jeff will continue as vice chairman of the Parish Council for another year. I'm very glad about that.

The national focus this year has been on coming together after lockdown and celebration of what is best about Britain, namely our Queen and the many people who serve in other ways. Pettistree showed again its great community spirit and had no problem at all in putting together a Jubilee Committee and four days of social eventing; .

The Annual Parish meeting was also an opportunity to put names to faces and talk about the future. It was a success because so many people turned up. This enabled wide and sensible discussions about what we might do with the chunk of money we may receive from the company developing the Solar Park in Loudham. When writing this, the planning consent for the park is still to be decided by the District Council. Nevertheless, it did get us thinking about projects and what we do and don't want. The Village Hall made a plea for new stackable chairs. A proposal for a village car park to take the overspill from the Church and the Greyhound did not get a general thumbs up. The Village Hall car park was offered as an alternative but will need signage. A defibrillator was a definite 'yes' but we must find a suitable site. Installation of wi-fi at the Parish Church Room was also favoured to enable residents to zoom into parish council meetings from their kitchen tables if they so desire. My own preference would be to help renovate the Parish Room. It needs a new roof and would offer a neat drop in and chat place in the centre of the village. ideas to be pursued...

And so, to the Annual Parish Council meeting. We have a new Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) in Simon Ashton, but we do not have a Parish Council Clerk. If you feel a desperate need to take minutes, please let me know. The job requires a few hours a month and attracts modest pay. We are also in need of a Footpaths Warden to take over Sue Tansley's foundation work in surveying and reporting on our many footpaths. In the meantime, if you find a path problem, please let a councillor know.

Other matters are worth mentioning. Work has started on the Hopkins Homes development and after adding a new access to the site, trees bordering the road were cut down without consultation. Representation has been made to the district council and the builder about this and their new plans for hedgerow and corridor planting. The estate is likely, in any case, to be moved out of Pettistree. The full East Suffolk District Council has approved our request for a boundary change and will now consult on the re-drawing of the boundary to move the estate into Wickham Market. This is a sensible move given the disparity between a modern housing estate and a rural village. The development would have more than doubled Pettistree's population.

The news about designating Rogues Lane and Walnuts Lane as 'quiet lanes' is that we are still awaiting, but in the meantime a quiet lanes sign has appeared in the wrong place on Byng Hall Road; only the Ufford bit was meant to be a quiet lane. Moves to sort this are receiving help from our County Councillor, Alexander Nicoll.

And finally, the marquee has been replaced and is stored at the Village Hall. It is available to residents, but the Parish Council will need confirmation that anyone who borrows it will be covered for its use by household insurance.

Happy Summer to Everyone and a special thank you to those who worked to make the Platinum Jubilee so memorable.

Sue Jones Parish Council Chair



What is a Parish Council?

I have been asked to write about my time as chairman of Pettistree Parish Council but that is going to be a bit too long for this edition of Pettistree People which is going to be full of articles about the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. I have therefore agreed with our editor, Mike Watts, that I will keep my article for a less crowded, and therefore less costly, issue. I thought however that it might be helpful to explain just what the Parish Council is.

In the past, a village such as Pettistree was managed by a group who were ratepayers and were chaired by the priest of the local church. They met in the vestry at the church and were called the **Vestry Committee**. They managed both ecclesiastical and civil matters including the care of the poor.

Parish Councils (PC) were first established by the Parish Councils Act 1894. This Act removed all non-ecclesiastical functions from vestry committees and passed them to newly-established local elected bodies, which became known as 'parish councils'. Members of a PC are elected by residents who are on the civil electoral role which permits them to vote in regional and national elections. The work of the PC is funded by a 'precept'. This is an annual sum of money allocated from the District Council, East Suffolk Council in our case, on receipt of a request from the PC. The money is paid from the Council Tax which is levied on all residents. They are informed how much of the council tax is made up by the precept request from their PC so that they can judge the efficiency of the PC. PCs are governed by all sorts of legal restrictions and their activities

are closely monitored by annual audit of their financial and procedural affairs.

Pettistree is a small parish and its responsibilities are not large. They include care and maintenance of public seating, the village green, the bus shelters as well as the litter, salt and dog bins: Fortunately, these are filled/emptied by the District Council! The PC has paid for the SID (Speed Indicating Device) to help control traffic speeds. The PC pays for insurance for its activities and property. This is why the recent Platinum Jubilee celebration activities were arranged under the umbrella of PC projects.

Parochial Church Councils (PCC) were formed in 1921 when they took over the ecclesiastical functions of the Vestry Committee. The PCC is elected from church attenders whose names are on the church electoral role. It deals with the maintenance and security of the church and its grounds, as well as good order in the services. This is the primary responsibility of the two churchwardens. It also decides on the way that church services are conducted in conjunction with the priest. It must be remembered that the priest may often be responsible for several parishes and therefore cannot carry out day to day management of the building.

Pettistree Parish Council was formed in 1970. Its' first chairman was William Frith. The other 'chairs' have been Clayton Larter, John Argenti, Stuart Whiteley, Joan Peck, Tony Franklin, myself, and now Sue Jones.

Jeff Hallett

Not yet ready for "Le canard à l'Orange".

On the morning of 7th May I looked out at my overgrown herb garden and saw a duck with ten ducklings. Little balls of brown fluff on two legs, just hatched! In fact this was a repeat of two years earlier when she nested under a sage bush. Last year it was next to my pond. Both broods soon disappeared, so this time I have fed and watered them but have only two left. Five disappeared in one night!

Mother flies in and out to my pond and her offspring gobble up food for they have rapacious appetites, favouring green peas, rice and my breakfast cereals! Don't worry, I will free them into the main part of my garden and the pond very soon.



Mike Watts



Church News June 2022

Evensong The return of Evensong services was welcomed by many of the congregation on the last Sunday in May. The plan is to hold this service at 6.00 pm on the last Sundays of May, July and September and is in addition to the 9.30 am service on those Sundays. Evensong was temporarily stopped the winter before Covid with the intention to restart in the lighter warmer months. That never happened due to the Covid lock-down so it is good to be restarting, particularly as the benefice choir is likely to be leading the music at these services.

The singing of the benefice choir was very much appreciated at the Easter services both in Pettistree and in Wickham Market. A great deal of thought and time goes into organising the music that is used on these occasions and Mary Garner should be congratulated for always managing to find lovely arrangements of both popular and less well known pieces. Incidentally for those who are unsure, a benefice in the Church of England describes any ecclesiastical parish or group of ecclesiastical parishes under a single stipendiary minister. This is

why the two churches of Pettistree and Wickham Market are 'a benefice' with Rev Leslie Siu as Vicar.

The 9.30 Sunday service is a great way to start a new week and it has been very pleasant to be back sitting in adjacent pews, to be able to enjoy tea or coffee and a chat together after the morning services and to catch up with those who are now feeling more confident to socialise.

Dick Smith has been liaising with the Community Payback team organiser and hopefully they will be able to attend 2 or 3 times during the year to help to tidy the churchyard, particularly around the more recent graves. During the Covid months they were not able to come as it was not possible to arrange socially distanced transport!

Please can the church car-park be kept free for church and churchyard users particularly on Sunday mornings, the village hall car park is available for others when the hall is not full, and we hope that those coming to the village to walk will park there.

Maggie Hallett

..... and we won!

On May 7th Pettistree Tower hosted the SE District Striking Competition. It was a wet afternoon when about 50 ringers gathered in the Village Hall for the draw at 1.30pm. Amazingly the heavy rain stopped just in time for the first band to ring. It was the first such event for three years and also the first Ringers' Tea. After a sumptuous tea and much lively conversation it was time for the results. Pettistree won and we were thrilled. Many thanks to Elaine and Daf who managed kitchen and tea organisation assisted by Chris and Mary.

For just two weeks we held two trophies, because we had won the Guild Six Bell Striking Competition back in May 2019. The same band rang at Blythburgh on May 21st, where we came second.

Wednesday night practices are well supported again with the lighter evenings and warmer weather. However many of these are regular visitors and we would love to introduce new people to the skill. We have a lovely peal of bells ideally suited for learning. Height is the only restriction, so anyone can learn from 10 years old and upwards. If you are interested in finding out more please contact me on 01728 746097 / 07791 585127.



Mary Garner, Tower Captain



Pettistree and Loudham village hall-Spring update

Post lockdown, the activities in the Village Hall are back to normal, including meetings of our regular educational and leisure groups.

Building on the improvements to the carpark, security has been augmented with the installation of new floodlights at the side of the hall. Our Parish Council Chairman, Jeff Hallett identified an opportunity to secure a grant from our County Councillor, Alexander Nicol's Locality Budget for improvements and it was decided to purchase and install a covered bike stand. Several residents and hall users, regularly cycle to events and hopefully the provision of the bike stand will encourage others to opt for the greener and healthier mode of transport. The stand was delivered in kit form and our local 'Mr. Fixit', Brad Bye, with some help from Dave Caudwell, constructed it in the area beyond the designated disabled parking bay.



Following our successful post lockdown/ pre- Xmas coffee and cake morning the committee agreed to host a regular monthly coffee morning. Our first one on the Wednesday 6 April was enjoyed by all those who attended.



The coffee mornings will be on the first Wednesday of each month (4 May, 1 June, 6 July, 3 August, 7 September, 5 October and 2 November). We will decide on the date and time of the Christmas event later in the year. Please spread the word and all are welcome.

The committee will continue to maintain and improve the hall and in addition to the events during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, look to host other events later in the year. Any suggestions please let us know.

Thanks again to all the committee members and Cath and Dave Caudwell for all their sterling efforts.

Jim Jarvie, Chairman

WARNING! STAY SAFE

Britain's only venomous spider, the False Black Widow, is surging in numbers thanks to recent warm weather. Experts have warned that false widows are multiplying as their hibernation ends. The creatures are related to the deadly black widow. They are about the size of a 50 pence piece and are now breeding in numbers and their population is growing in the UK.

People don't realise just how common they have become. They can survive both indoors and outdoors. They are generally shy creatures and won't come out into the open - but they could crawl into curtains or perhaps clothing left on the floor.

Experts say the bite of a false widow is similar to a wasp sting. Symptoms from attacks can include pain, swelling, nausea, tremors and altered blood pressure.





80 trees for my birthday

It was a chance meeting with Rodney and Maggie back in 2020 that I mentioned it was my plan to plant 80 trees to celebrate my 80th Birthday. They said they'd be very pleased to get the trees for me and arrange a group of volunteers to do the planting. Covid came, and my own mobility problems caused the project to get postponed. However, it was not forgotten and plans were made to start planting the trees in 2022. I have always been very enthusiastic about the planting of more trees and felt an organised planting would be more successful than leaving it just to me or to go wild. A start was made on the 23rd March and an amazing team of about 10 volunteers arrived and in just the one day planted the 80 trees, a mixture of oak, field maple, cherry, hornbeam, hazel and crab apple.

I'm very grateful to the volunteers from Natural England, organised by Rod and Maggie. The photograph shows the lead workers by the Great Mount. We look forward to seeing the progress over the next few years. In very dry summers watering is important and any volunteers would be very welcome! My thanks also to all the helpers and particularly the Woodland Trust who donated the trees with their guards.



Andrew Connelly, David Godfrey, Rodney West, Dick Smith

As a postscript, writing at the end of April, the trees have come into growth and the show of apple blossom this year has been the best I have ever seen, starting with the original crab in the hedgerow near the Village Hall, followed in succession with the cider apples and, for the first time, my own-grown apple seedlings, now about 12 years old. I am awaiting the results to see if a new variety is worth keeping and naming as a Pettistree apple.

The crab apples form a line adjacent to the hedge to fit in with my own cider apple orchard and with my other grafts and apple seedlings just by the Village Hall.

The other trees follow the hedge line leading to a small copse by the canal. Further trees were planted along the canal side and more planted around the base of the Great Mount to replace the fallen hornbeams.



Dick Smith



Seventy Glorious Years

Do you remember 1977? Lots was going on – the Ramones, Genesis, Grace Jones, Robert Palmer, the Bee Gees and Abba were riding high in the charts, Jimmy Carter was sworn in as President of the United States, James Callaghan was in Number Ten and the Queen was celebrating her Silver Jubilee.

In the little Essex village where I lived, nearly every house had a flag or a picture of the Queen stuck in the window. There was red white and blue everywhere and you could buy a limited range of merchandise; hats and flags, as far as I recall. It was my last year of primary school, a year which had been dominated by the jubilee. We'd planted up the school garden with red salvia, blue lobelia and white alyssum, there were pictures and posters everywhere and in a thrilling moment in British sport, all of us in Classes Nine and Ten were permitted to watch the Wimbledon Ladies' Final where our very own Virginia Wade raised the trophy. We all got a commemoration mug – I wish I knew where mine had gone.

We had to wait until 2002 for the next celebration, fifty years marked by the Golden Jubilee. That was pretty thrilling too. Ten years later, the Queen equalised with her great-great-grandmother, celebrating her Diamond Jubilee.

Children will remember this Platinum Jubilee in the same way that my grandmother, born in 1897, remembered the Old Queen and then lived through five more reigns. It's something pretty wonderful, a record-breaking celebration of duty and hard work and loyal service to the country.

We got the red white and blue flags out again and decorated the garden and Pettistree, as always, rose to the occasion magnificently. A group of dedicated organisers worked hard to put together a weekend of village celebrations, starting on Thursday with the lighting of the beacon, Jim Jarvie playing "Long to Reign" on the bagpipes and a barbecue; continuing on Friday with the art show being set up in the church, on Saturday a beautiful flower

festival and craft show in the church from 10-4 all culminating in a special Songs of Praise service in the churchyard and a bring and share lunch and children's games from 1.30 in the village hall.

It's highly unlikely that another British monarch will celebrate seventy years on the throne, making these celebrations even more special. As always, the church is heavily involved in the commemoration of the Queen's jubilee, appropriately since the word goes back to Biblical times. In Judaism, there was a jubilee every fifty years, while in Christianity, the Sabbatical year, every seven years, was a time for land to be left fallow and slaves to be freed. In the Roman Catholic church, a jubilee marks a time of the remission of sins and the punishment thereto.

Up and down the country, flags flew, music was played and thanks given for the long and prosperous reign of our Queen. Like tens of thousands of other villages and communities in the UK, Pettistree played its part, as always.

God save the Queen.

Ruth Leigh

Vacancy

Clerk for Pettistree Parish Council

We have a vacancy for a Clerk to support us by attending 5 meetings a year, taking and distributing Minutes, dealing with Council communications and keeping us up-to-date with council matters. The post requires a few hours a week and is paid. Broadband connection and computer literacy are essential.

Financial matters are dealt with by our Responsible Finance Officer.

Volunteer

Footpath Warden

Pettistree's footpaths need care and attention from a volunteer who will check them occasionally and report any problems or need for maintenance.

Please contact: Sue Jones,

Chair of Pettistree Parish Council 01728 747277



Coffee and catch-up morning

Since the easing of lockdown, the Village Hall has hosted a number of get togethers where villagers and friends can chat over a coffee/tea and biscuits. We are hoping these will be a regular event and have set aside the first Wednesday of each month for the rest of the year.



The third morning was held on 1 June and despite people being away for half term and it falling on the same day as the Suffolk Show, it was well attended. The added attraction of the hall being decked out in bunting and flags in preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee provided a fitting background to the morning.

Our regular baristas Cath and Dave Caudwell were away but had left instructions how to use the filter coffee. Nobody complained so I think I have passed part of my apprenticeship!

Please come and join us for the next one which will be on Wednesday 6 July

Jim Jarvie Chairman Pettistree Village Hall

Holiday letting company moves to Pettistree



properties in the county and welcome thousands of holidaymakers to the area each season.

Recently relocating from Bentwaters at Rendlesham, our new home in The Street is our main base of

We are an independent holiday letting agency that has been operating for the past five years. We now manage over 170

operations and we are very excited to be here in this new beautiful location where you can find our super friendly customer services and housekeeping departments. We also have a high-street shop in Aldeburgh for our sales department, with another opening in Southwold soon!

We employ over 30 people between our offices and housekeeping operation and are currently hiring! If you know of anybody in the area looking for work please do get in touch. Also you can earn yourself £250 when an owner you refer to Air Manage Suffolk
Tel: 01728 885262 or www.airmanagesuffolk.com

Shaq brand, Director

The Parish Council meeting raised no objection to the following current applications

16.4 **DC/22/1356/FUL** erection of side extension to B8 warehouse and formation of car park at The Nursery, Main Road

16.5 **DC/22/1282/FUL** change of use of concrete pad from agricultural to staff car park at land adjacent to Kindwater Ltd, Water Tower Yard.

16.6 **DC/21/5550/FUL**. It was noted that the application for the solar panels at Park Farm was wrongly listed on the ESC "Public Access" website as Woodbridge rather than Pettistree. This makes the application hard to find.



Find the wildlife by Pat Deliss

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A free concert in Pettistree Church

Saturday 18th June @ 7.30pm

Kirbye Voices is a chamber choir from Bury. Our summer programme is lots of short pieces from across the centuries in various genres. Also coming is a fantastic cellist, Yalda Davis, not to say a Baroque Quartet.

Have a look at the attached flyer, it would be great to see you there. If driving to the event you are more than welcome to park at the Village Hall just down the lane - you can drop your passengers off at the church beforehand if necessary. It is helpful to leave the church car park free for less able visitors.

For more information contact Mary Garner

on 01728 746097 / 07791 585127

KIRBYE VOICES



Kirbye Voices and friends

warmly invite you to their Summer Concert

To include music by Finzi, Gershwin, Henry VIII, Morley, Porter, Rusby and Wilbye

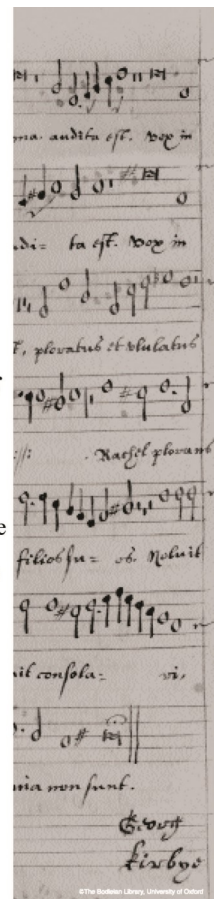
With music for cello solo (Yalda Davis) and Baroque quartet

Saturday 18 June, 7.30pm
St Peter and St Paul's Church,
Walnuts Lane, Pettistree
Woodbridge
IP13 0HR

For more information: Mary Garner
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www.kirbyvoices.org.uk

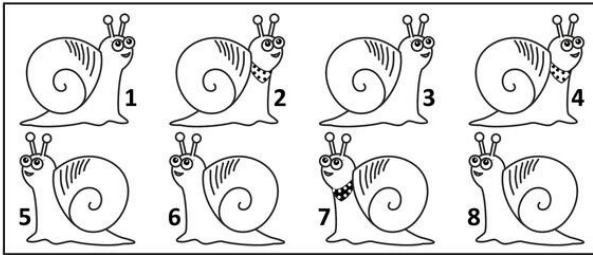


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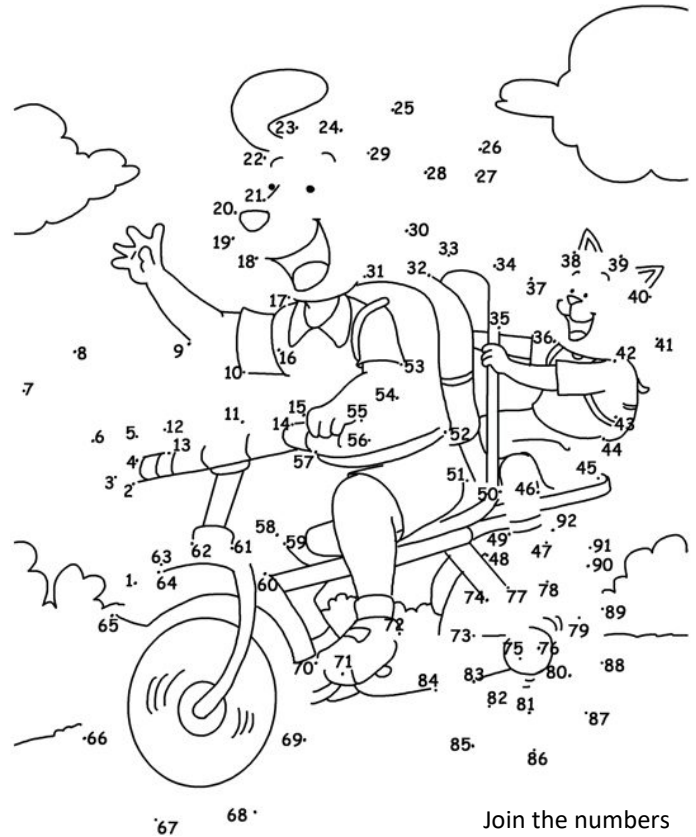
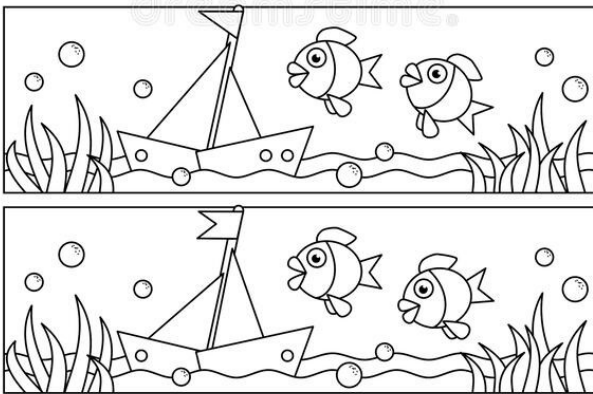
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Can you find the picture that is unique?



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Try to spot five differences between the two pictures.



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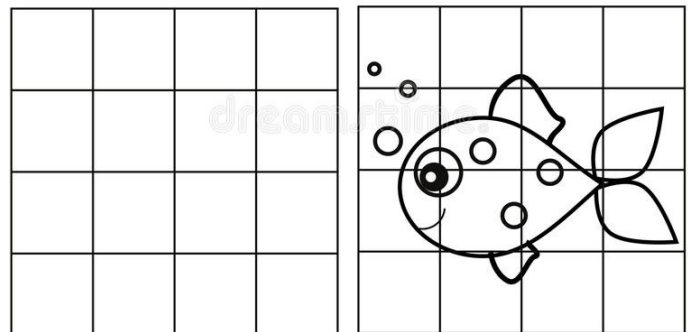
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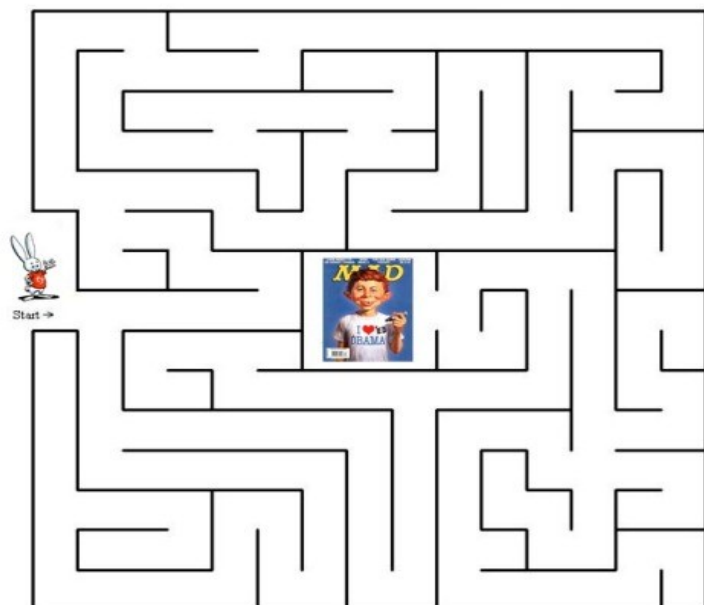
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DIARY DATES

21 June 7.30pm Parish Room, Pettistree Parish Council meeting
Evensong 6pm Last Sunday in July and September
First Wednesday every month, Coffee morning at 10.30 in Village Hall

12th AUGUST Copy date for September issue of Pettistree People

Worm

I do beg your pardon
but you're standing in my way
I've got somewhere to be
and I haven't got all day

I'm off to meet a friend you see
we have lots to discuss
and if I turn up late again
there'll be a big ol' fuss

It takes a lot of effort
to slide across the ground
and hide up from the Black Bird
so that I am not found

He'll scoop me up and fold me
into his sharp tight beak
then feed me to his young ones
oh he is a little sneak

So please just lift your foot up
and I'll make it there on time
I will be most grateful
and all will be just fine.

Olivia M J Smith

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PLEASE READ We always welcome news, anecdotes, stories, photos and your personal experiences and achievements for inclusion in this newsletter.

Its' founding title Pettistree People, was intentional to record the happenings of Pettistree's people. So please -Don't be shy! And send your articles and photos to ppedit@uwclub.net by 12th August for the next issue.

Many thanks, Mike Watts and Pat Deliss